

September 2023 Newsletter Kilruane N.S.

Open Day

Welcome back everybody and we hope you all had a lovely Summer break. We would like to particularly welcome all our new pupils and families who have joined our School Community this year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members, Mr. Craig Morgan and Mr. David Sweeney. We hope everybody will be very happy at Kilruane National School.

It has been a particularly exciting start to our new school year. We are thrilled with our new extension, which continues to surpass all our expectations daily. We know you are all looking forward having a look inside so bearing this in mind, the Board of Management met on Tuesday night and set plans in motion to work with our Parents Association to hold an Open Day in early October, so that everybody can visit our school to view our wonderful new surrounds.

We were initially hoping to get everybody in sooner, however we never moved into a new school before, it takes time to settle in and to get used to new ways of doing things. It suffices to say, it has been an exceptionally busy September.

As you are aware we operate a 'Before and After School Service' from the school, now operating from our new GP room so we are not in a position to open the school to visitors immediately after school as we still have a significant number of pupils on board. In addition, those of you who pass the school regularly will know that our cleaner is onsite here until late evening, so we also have the risk of slippery/wet floors to consider. Taking everything into account, the Board reckons the Open Day will most likely take place on a day over the weekend. More details to follow once we have finalised plans. We anticipate there will be a more formal opening later in the school year.

Parent/Teacher Communications

The Principal and staff operate an 'Open Door Policy' regarding parent/teacher communications. Working together, we can provide the very best for your child. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or if you have any worries or concerns that you would like to share with us, we both welcome and encourage you to do so. We ask that you make an appointment with your child's class teacher through our school secretary. In that way, your child's teacher can give you their full attention. Formal Parent teacher meetings will be held in November.

Payments to the office

Please continue to forward any school payments to the school office/your child's teacher (Art and Craft/ School Insurance, Swimming , Cross Country etc). As usual, we ask that all payments made to the office/teachers are in an envelope:

- With your child's name clearly written on it
- Detailing what the payment is for (swimming, cross country etc)

School Phone

Our school phone has been out of service since we reopened, this fault is unconnected to our building works. Thankfully service resumed today Wednesday. Thank you for your patience in this regard.

Sacrament Classes

Further to texts already circulated, please be reminded there will be an Enrolment Ceremony in Kilruane Church on Wednesday 4th October at 7pm, for pupils preparing for their First Holy Communion. The Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation pupils will be straight afterwards at 8pm. Parents are asked to attend.

A talk will take place in Step Road Cloughjordan on Wednesday 20th at 8pm for parents of First Holy Communion pupils and for Confirmation Pupils on Thursday 5th October at 8pm. Our date for Confirmation is Thursday 16th May 2024 at 11am. A date for our First Holy Communion Ceremony is yet to be finalised.

Kilruane NS is a very Active School!

As you are aware Swimming Lessons for pupils from 1st to 6th Classes will commence on Friday next for 5 weeks. We are also attending (in record numbers!) the annual Tipperary Primary Schools Cross Country event on Wednesday 26th next in Thurles. Our Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Football Blitzes for girls and boys are scheduled to take place in October, dates to follow once finalised. In addition, we have scheduled a programme of dance classes (5 sessions) after Christmas with Claire Nealon and yoga classes (6 sessions) after Easter with Siobhán O Leary. Both dance classes and yoga classes are for all pupils from Infants to 6th. So there's lots in the months ahead to keep our pupils active !

Please see a Health and Safety message from your Board of Management below:

As the Board of Management of Kilruane N.S., your child's safety is of utmost importance to us and is at the core of all our decision making and policy formation regarding health and safety issues. Bearing this in mind we wish to highlight the following:

The official school opening/closing time is 9:10am to 2:50pm (or to 1:50pm Infant Classes). Our doors open at 9am, no pupil should arrive any later than the official start time of 9:10am, to ensure they get the best start to each school day. Outside of the official opening/closing times, the Board of Management is not responsible for children's safety other than the reasonable period of ten minutes before and after the official school day. As always, parents, (or a designated person) must be present to collect their child at the school gate at home-time, it is a busy stretch of road.

Bus Bay/Staff Car Park

In the interest of our pupil's safety, we would also like to take this opportunity to remind you:

- Our Bus Bay must remain clear at all times to facilitate our school bus at home time and buses to/ from matches and other school events. **Please do not park (or partially park) in our Bus Bay at any time.**
- The staff car-park cannot be used as a pedestrian walk-way at any time. It is not a safe place for children.